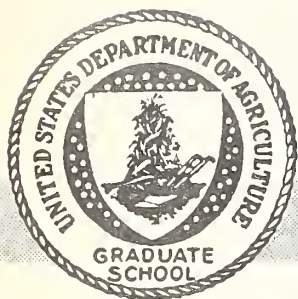


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BROOKINGS INSTITUTION EVALUATES TRAINING IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Improving the approach and techniques now employed by American universities and colleges in teaching international relations and in training specialists in foreign affairs was the objective of a seminar on "Problems of American Foreign Policy," sponsored by Brookings Institution and held at Dartmouth the last two weeks in August. Among more than ninety persons attending from universities, industry and Government were two GS-affiliated persons: Francis O. Wilcox, Chief of Staff, Senate Foreign Relations Committee and member of the GS Committee on International Policies and Problems, and Lewis H. Rohrbaugh, Director.

ROTHAMSTED SCIENTIST LECTURES IN GS

Among the features of the International Statistical Conference was a series of lectures on Experimental Design by Dr. Frank Yates, Head of the Department of Statistics, Rothamsted Experiment Station, Harpenden, England. The lecture series was sponsored by the GS Department of Mathematics and Statistics and USDA's Committee on Experimental Design. The lectures covered the "Design of Short-term Agronomic and Laboratory Experiments," and "Design of Long-term Agronomic or Field-plot Experiments." Lecture outlines are available at \$.25 each from the GS Book Store.

UNIVERSITY ENROLLMENT UP TEN PER CENT

Reports submitted to the American Council on Education indicate a probable general increase of ten per cent in college enrollment this year, bringing the total number of students to nearly 2,500,000. Teachers colleges tend to show the largest increase, reflecting the national program to improve the status of the teaching profession and the decreasing opportunity for secure employment in other fields, especially in government.

FALL REGISTRATION

The total registration for the fall semester is in excess of 3100, with more than 150 different classes in operation. At the request of a number of agencies, special classes were organized and held in their buildings, including National Headquarters American Red Cross, Commerce, Agricultural Research Center, Naval Gun Factory, Naval Research Laboratory, Naval Ordnance Laboratory and the Patuxent River Naval Air Base. Elementary courses in the biological and physical sciences requiring laboratory facilities are meeting in the well-equipped laboratories of Wilson Teachers College.

UP TO DATE ON COURSE PROGRAMS

Organized at the request of agencies are groups of employees, many GS courses now in operation do not appear in the 1947-48 Bulletin. Among these courses and instructors are the following:

Ship Construction--Charles L. Wright, Jr.
Senior Engineer, Bureau of Ships, Navy
Department

Naval Architecture--Charles L. Wright, Jr.
Introduction to General Semantics--Capt.

James A. Saunders, USN(Ret.), Liaison
Officer between the Navy Department and
the Senate Committee on Armed Services
Geodesy--Paul L. Thomas, Mathematician,
U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey,
Department of Commerce

Advanced Aerial Photogrammetry--G. C.
Tewinkel and B. J. Colner, Photogram-
metrists, U. S. Coast and Geodetic
Survey, Department of Commerce

ABOUT FAO

The lecture series titled, "Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; Background and Programme," will soon be continued in the FAO conference room. The series, under the direction of Mr. C. E. Rogers, Assistant to the Director of Information, FAO, was organized by the GS Department of Social Sciences. More detailed information will be announced in the next NEWSLETTER; however, interested persons may call the Information Office, FAO, Ext. 157.

YOUR RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT

At the request of the student, GS issued 103 official transcripts and 234 informational records during 1946-47 school year. Over 140 of these were mailed to some fifty colleges and universities where students plan to continue their education. As a part of the promotion-from-within policy of the Department of Agriculture, transcripts showing credits earned in GS were placed in the official personnel folders of 1038 USLA employees.

WHY STUDENTS ENROLL IN GS

One of the chief objectives of each Departmental Committee is to plan course programs to meet the needs of GS students. As an aid in this planning, students who enrolled in the spring semester (February 1947) were requested to indicate reasons for enrollment. This information was tabulated by courses and by departments; the overall summary is shown below:

<u>Reason for Enrollment</u>	<u>No.</u>
For credit toward:	
Bachelor's Degree	208
Master's Degree	125
Doctor's Degree	58
GS Certificate of Accomplishment	95
Other	171
To improve performance	881
To prepare for advancement	760
For general information	595
No reason given	434

VETERAN'S EDUCATIONAL INTERESTS

Data recently released by the Veterans Administration show that on May 1, 1947, the distribution in enrollment of veterans, by fields, in colleges and universities was:

Liberal arts	392,500
Engineering	171,885
Business administration	125,446
Other business courses	73,820
Teaching	54,762
Medicine and related courses	52,832
Physical and natural sciences	43,545
Social studies	35,000
Crafts and trades	33,794
Agriculture	30,085

VA estimated that during the 1947-48 school year veteran enrollment will be 1,350,000 in colleges and universities, thus representative of a little more than half of the total number of students. The per cent of veterans in the freshman year is beginning to show a slight decline.

4-H FELLOWSHIP WINNERS IN GS

Winners of the annual 4-H Club Fellowships, awarded this year for the first time since before the war, are registered in GS. Dorothy Arvidson, assistant in boy's and girl's club work in Indiana, and George Forster, Washington County (Tenn.) 4-H Club agent, the fellowship winners, are working under the supervision of Dr. Gladys Gallup, Cannon Hearne and other members of the Extension staff. After nine months of study, Miss Arvidson and Mr. Forster will receive a Master's Degree from George Washington University.

NEW BOOK IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Elements of Public Administration, a new book edited by Fritz Morstein Marx, Bureau of the Budget, contains the thinking and experience of fourteen men with distinguished academic and professional backgrounds in political science and public administration. It is used as a text in the course in Administrative Procedures offered in the Department of Office Techniques and Operations. Thomas J. Hickey, Navy Department, and Sidney Adams, Agricultural and Industrial Chemistry (USDA), are instructors.

A stimulating review of this book entitled, "Professors and Practitioners," by William A. Jump, USDA's Director of Finance and the "old man" of GS Department of Public Administration's budget work, appeared in Public Administration Review's summer issue, 1947.

GS PHOTOGRAPHIC SEMINAR BEGINS LECTURE SERIES

New Phases of Photography in Industry and Government was the subject of the illustrated lecture presented by W. F. Swann, Technical Staff, Industrial Photographic Sales Division, Eastman Kodak Company, sponsored by the GS Photographic Seminar. The first lecture in the series was given without charge, on Tuesday, October 28, in Jefferson Memorial Auditorium, South Agriculture Building.

LIBRARY CONTRIBUTES TO EDUCATION

One of the essential factors in any educational program is library facilities. Students registering in GS have splendid library facilities at their disposal. The USDA library contains the world's most complete collection of books and publications on agriculture and related fields. In addition to the reference books which have been placed on the GS reference shelves at the recommendation of faculty members, students may use the Reading Room of the USDA Library for reference and research. The USDA Library Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Faculty members and students are urged to refer requests for information about reference books to Miss Vera Jensen, Ext. 4419, Room 1041, South Building.

EXPERTS DISCUSS NEED FOR GEOGRAPHY AND GEOLOGY COURSES IN D.C. AREA

"Geography in Higher Education in the Washington Area" was discussed at the October meeting of the American Society of Professional Geographers (Middle Atlantic Division). W. W. Atwood, Jr., Joint Research and Development Board and local chairman of the NPC-USDA Graduate School Advisory Committee for Geography, was discussion leader. The meeting was the outgrowth of the February conference sponsored by the National Research Council and GS at which time representatives of the University Departments of Geology and Geography and Federal agencies recommended that GS undertake to meet the needs of Government workers and others in the Washington area in the fields of geology and geography.

Representatives from the local universities told about the programs in Geography now available in the D. C. area. Carleton P. Barnes, Bureau of Plant Industry, Soil and Agricultural Engineering (USDA) and member of the GS Committee on Earth Sciences reviewed the program of GS. The meeting revealed a need for two types of courses; survey courses, primarily for geographers, and "service courses" reviewing the contribution of geography to both the natural and social sciences.

CAFETERIA EXTENDS SERVICE

The USDA 5th wing cafeteria is now open at 5:00 p.m. for use by GS faculty members and students who are not employees of the Department of Agriculture. The move is designed to give better service to Department employees and Graduate School students and to eliminate the long line at 5:30 p.m. Admittance, before 5:30, will be restricted to holders of cafeteria passes which may be obtained in the GS office.

PERSONALS

Eldon L. Johnson, former Director of the USDA Graduate School, in July was appointed Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Dean of the Graduate School of the University of Oregon.

Francis P. Brasseur, Chief, Administrative Services, Civil Service Commission, is Acting Secretary to the Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government. The Commission, under the Chairmanship of Herbert Hoover, former President of the United States, was set up under Public Law 162, 80th Congress. It has twelve members; four appointed by the President; four by the Senate; and four by the House. Mr. Brasseur is Chairman of the GS Department of Office Techniques and Operations.

Marshall S. Wright (Department of Technology) was elected President of the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping at its August annual meeting in Washington.

Walter C. McKain (Social Sciences) leaves BAE on November 1, for the University of Connecticut to teach and do research work in psychology.

John B. Whitelaw, former Assistant Director of the Foreign Service Institute, Department of State (GS Committee on Information) on September 1 was appointed Chairman of the Department of Education in Johns Hopkins University. Mr. Dwayne Kreager, Foreign Service Institute, replaces him on the GS Committee on Information.

C.A. Briggs, faculty member in the Department of Technology, was recently reelected President of the National Photographic Society.

GS SHORTHAND STUDENT HONORED

On October 23, GS shorthand classes assembled in the Jefferson Memorial Auditorium to do honor to Miss Rose Paniczko. This event marked the recognition of her membership (the 212th to receive the Gregg Diamond Medal in 22 years) in the select group of shorthand writers who can take dictation at 200 words per minute, for five minutes, and transcribe their notes with at least 95 percent accuracy. Congratulations are in order for Miss Paniczko and for Mr. Bernard Foote, the instructor in Introduction to Reporting--Gregg.

Miss Paniczko demonstrated for the group dictation at this high rate; she also showed some of her special short cuts. Many present found that they had difficulty in speaking the 200-220 word-per-minute rate at which she wrote with apparent ease. One student was overheard to remark, "...and 60 percent of us didn't pass the 96 words per minute recent Civil Service exams."

CHANGES IN GS ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Frank Scanlin, GS Staff Assistant, resigned in September to enter sales training work with National Cash Register at Hutchinson, Kansas. Miss Vera Jensen, formerly with the Navy Department and USDA's PMA, is replacing Mr. Scanlin. Questions about textbooks, library reference books, and the Newsletter should be referred to Miss Jensen RE 4142, Ext. 4419.

Miss Virginia Montillo, a familiar face in the GS Business Office, was married to Mr. Anthony Vitiello Sunday, September 7, 1947. Mr. and Mrs. Vitiello went to Florida on their wedding trip.

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